

PRETRIAL SERVICES

PRETRIAL SERVICES IS A PROGRAM THAT SUPERVISES DEFENDANTS PRIOR TO THEIR TRIAL. PRETRIAL SERVICES MONITORS DEFENDANTS WHO ARE ON RELEASE TO ENSURE THEY ARE COMPLYING WITH ALL RELEASE CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE COURT.

THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO MAXIMIZE THE APPEARANCE RATES OF THOSE DEFENDANTS RELEASED WITHOUT FINANCIAL CONDITIONS (I.E., BAIL/ BOND). THIS PROGRAM IS ALSO DESIGNED TO HELP REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS INCARCERATED IN THE JAIL PRIOR TO BEING SENTENCED. POTENTIAL DEFENDANTS ARE SCREENED BY USING THE PUBLIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT (PSA). THIS IS A NATIONALLY VALIDATED TOOL THAT CONSIDERS A DEFENDANT'S PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY, INCLUDING PRIOR FAILURES TO APPEAR, AND NATURE OF THE CURRENT OFFENSE. THIS TOOL PROVIDES JUDGES WITH PERTINENT INFORMATION TO USE AS THEY DECIDE A DEFENDANT'S RELEASE CONDITIONS AT THEIR INITIAL APPEARANCE. DEFENDANTS WHO ARE RELEASED TO PRETRIAL SUPERVISION ARE SUPERVISED BY A TEAM OF PRETRIAL OFFICERS UNTIL THERE IS A DISPOSITION IN THEIR CASE (DISMISSAL OR CONVICTION AND SENTENCING). WHILE IN THIS PROGRAM, THE DEFENDANT'S BEHAVIOR IS MONITORED ACCORDING TO THE PRETRIAL SERVICES CONDITIONS OF RELEASE WHICH MAY INCLUDE DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING, COUNSELING, EMPLOYMENT, JOB SEARCH, NO CONTACT WITH THE VICTIM, ETC.

